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1. MISSION ON APRIL 18 POUCH TO EUR/RPM (CHRISTIANSON) THE LATEST
VERSION OF MBFR WORKING GROUP PAPER ON AIR MANPOWER (POUCH NUMBER
KI 3725, INVOICE NUMBER CX 78, REGISTER NUMBER 073692). THE PAPER
UNDERWENT FURTHER REVISION AT APRIL 15 WG MEETING, BASED ON DISCUSSION

OF ANOTHER LIST OF REFINEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED BY UK REP
(GERAHTY). IT IS THE VERSION POUCH TO APRIL 18 ON WHICH MISSION NOW
REQUIRES WASHINGTON COMMENT, RATHER THAN THAT TRANSMITTED IN REF A,
ALTHOUGH DEPARTMENT SHOULD SEE REFS A AND B FOR BACKGROUND. NEXT WG
CONSIDERATION OF THIS PAPER IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 29.

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2. FRG REP ON WG (DZIALAS) ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM BONN HAS PRIVATELY
GIVEN MISSION OFFICER THE LIST OF QUESTIONS WHICH FOLLOWS IN
SUCCEEDING PARAGRAPHS FOR COMMENT BY U.S. AUTHORITIES. DZIALAS
STATE THAT THESE QUESTIONS AROSE FROM THE U.S. ANSWERS

TO PREVIOUS FRG QUESTIONS (REF C). HE SAID THAT HIS AUTHORITIES HAD SUBMITTED THE NEW QUESTION IN BILATERAL CONTEXT, AND NOT NOT FOR DISCUSSION IN THE WG. (COMMENT: THESE QUESTIONS ARE OF COURSE FURTHER EVIDENCE OF EXTREME FRG CAUTION IN AREA OF AIR MANPOWER).

3. ACTION REQUESTED: COMMENT ON WG PAPER AND REPLY TO FRG QUESTIONS.

4. BEGIN TEXT OF FRG QUESTIONS:

1. WHICH WOULD BE THE CONCRETE EFFECTS OF REDUCED COMBAT CAPABILITIES AND/OR REDUCED WARNING TIME IF AIR FORCE PERSONNEL WERE REDUCED?

WHAT WOULD BE THE TIME REQUIREMENT TO COMPENSATE FOR SUCH REDUCTIONS?

2. WHICH PERSONNEL WOULD BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED?

WOULD SUCH REDUCTIONS ENTAIL OBLIGATIONS FOR THE FRG (MONETARY, CIVILIAN PERSONNEL, MATERIAL)?

3. WHAT IS THE BASIS FOR THE ASSUMPTION THAT FUTURE US WEAPON SYSTEMS WOULD REQUIRE LESS PERSONNEL WHEREAS FUTURE SOVIET WEAPON SYSTEMS WOULD REQUIRE MORE PERSONNEL THAN THE ONES NOW IN EXISTENCE?

4. WHAT ARE THE WARNING TIME, RELOCATION OR REINFORCEMENT POSSIBILITIES AND WHICH DURATION OF CONFLICT WERE THE BASIS WHEN CONSIDERING THE EFFECTS OF AIR MANPOWER REDUCTIONS? EXTENDED PERIODS SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A NORMAL CASE.

5. THE UNITED STATES MAINTAIN THE RE-ASSURANCE THAT A REDUCTION OF US AIR FORCE PERSONNEL IN THE NGA OF
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UP TO 15 PCT WOULD NOT LEAD TO A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF COMBAT AIRCRAFT.

WHAT IS THE CONTEXT IS UNDERSTOOD BY "OPERATIONAL AVAILABILITY OF TACTICAL FIGHTER AIRCRAFT."?

6. ARE THERE ANY PLANS TO REDUCE THE CAPABILITIES OF AIR DEFENCE FACILITIES? IN OUR OPINION THE AIR DEFENCE CAPABILITY SHOULD BE MAINTAINED IN FULL.
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